

TIVERTON CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION
Regular meeting minutes: June 2, 2008

1. Call to order

Chair Cecil Leonard called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm at the Tiverton Town Hall

Members present: Laura Epke, Deb Pallasch, Bob Koohy (7:30pm), Diane Harris, Frank Marshall, Richard Joslin, Ray Medeiros Absent: Stanley Zeramby

2. Approval of minutes

Motion made by L. Epke, seconded by R. Medeiros, to approve minutes for May 14, 2008. Motion approved unanimously by those present.

Motion by D. Pallasch, seconded by L. Epke to move discussion of public hearing to next item. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Public hearing:

Discussion of Commission's intent re: public hearing. Suggestion to have back to back public hearings on same night if Council wishes to have one as well. Chair to check with Council President and check for availability of dates. Need to hold on or before July 9th as Commission's term ends at that time.

3. Commission discussion:

"Other" ballot language

Update with no action taken.

FTM alternative

D. Pallasch made a motion to add another alternative to the ballot re: the choice of Town Council adoption with citizen petition failsafe. Chair ruled motion out of order as it was Chair's belief that a motion was made previously to put forth only one alternative. Secretary to research minutes to see if motion was made and approved and report at next meeting.

Motion by R. Joslin, seconded by C. Leonard, to add language to section 301(a) of the Charter which would allow Budget Committee to remove, or “cut,” items from the submitted Municipal and School budgets, but would prohibit them from adding, or “increasing,” items without the specific approval of the respective bodies. Approving: C. Leonard, R. Joslin, B. Koohy, R. Medeiros, F. Marshall Against: L. Epke, D. Pallasch D. Harris Motion passed.

Motion by D. Harris, seconded by R. Joslin, to add language to section 301 of the Charter that would provide that a “NO” vote on the all day referendum would allow an increase based on the CPI up to a maximum of 4% (lower of the CPI or 4%) with no waivers. Approving: C. Leonard, R. Joslin, B. Koohy, R. Medeiros, F. Marshall, D. Harris Abstaining: D. Pallasch, L. Epke Motion passed.

Further discussion with no action taken.

5. Other

None

6. Adjournment

The Commission’s June 2, 2008 regular meeting was adjourned at 9:14 pm.

Minutes recorded and compiled by Deborah Pallasch, Secretary.